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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6 - 12 and 14 - 21 remain in the application. Claim 4 has been amended. Claims 2-3 have been canceled.

More specifically, claims 2-3 have been canceled in response to the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 112. While applicants are of the opinion that the combined processing with RTA and with ion bombardment is indeed possible and within the purview of the disclosed invention, the claims are being canceled in an effort to expedite the application and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 has been amended to render the same dependent on claim 1.

Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved. The application is now in condition for allowance and a corresponding notice is requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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